

Nye County Report:

In addition to my role as Fire Chief and Director of Emergency Management. For the past year I have been serving as the interim Nye County Health Officer. There is pending actions suggesting that this position may be filled this month.

For this meeting, I report the following:

Recall that Desert View Hospital serves as the single hospital for Nye County and that our County covers a vast geographical footprint of 18,000 + square miles. The hospital is a 25-bed critical care access facility which provides limited services. There are several additional local clinics that help offset some medical requirements within the county but offer limited service and hours of operation. The hospital has been operating at capacity with on-going staffing challenges. Interfacility transfers are common and managed by Pahrump Fire Rescue and/or two of the Mercy Air helicopters based in Pahrump. Essentially all hands have been on-deck for the past two years in an extraordinary collaborative effort.

- COVID:
 - Total cases: Decreasing
 - 6355 confirmed cases
 - 594 Probable cases
 - 233 confirmed deaths
 - 3 probable deaths
 - Vaccination overview: Decreasing
 - PODs are continuing throughout the County
 - Homebound vaccinations continue.
 - Nye County School District COVID Plan under review including after school vaccination programs
 - Testing requests have decreased: therefore, testing has decreased.
 - Home tests without a reporting plan to local and state partners.

Specifically, we have seen vast improvement with the COVID outbreaks in our schools and we have been permitted by the state to lessen associated restrictions.

Aside from COVID”

We currently have a vacancy with our County Health Nurse in Tonopah. Therefore, we have been working to support on-going programs such as:

- Planned Parenthood
- STI and other associated testing and treatment programs
- COVID testing and vaccinating

Please consider that our efforts also include direct and indirect assistance to Esmerelda County as well.

A confirmed TB case with two EMS exposures continue to be monitored.

Pahrump is experiencing an increased number of transient and homeless populations which have resulted in associated health related issues.

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And as a side note, we are monitoring a significant increase in rodent growth stemming from materials shipped to Pahrump from LV and other areas.